

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE TOWN MANAGER
AUGUST, 2007**

ASSESSOR: Submitted by David Utakis

The annual tax rate recapitulation program has arrived from the State Department of Revenue (DOR). This is the multi page report that must be approved each year by the DOR in order for us to set a tax rate. This report is affectionately known in the municipal finance world as the RECAP.

A great deal of information goes into the recap including a summation of all of our real estate and personal property data which covers everything from new growth to valuation adjustments for FY2008. We have just a few more building permits to finish up and lots of data entry to do before the final assessor numbers can go into the report. Also included in the recap are the Cherry Sheet numbers (state aid and charges), assessor overlay account balances, enterprise fund accounting for the year, all town meeting appropriations since the last recap, and a host of other reports.

Hopefully, we will get DOR approval of our new growth prior to the fall town meeting. We are still keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that we will meet the \$435,000 estimate given over a year ago. DOR had major problems statewide last year in completing approvals of the new growth, re-certifications of value and tax rates. We have heard no rumblings yet of any delay problems so far this year.

The final recap won't be ready for DOR approval until after the November town meeting when our FY2008 budget is finalized. Because our town meeting is so late in the year, we will again be fighting with many other communities to get DOR to approve our tax rate. The final submission occurs after a classification hearing is held by selectmen at which time the board decides whether to shift some of the burden of taxation from the residential side to the commercial, industrial and personal property side.

The sales analysis has begun to determine how much affect last year's sales activity will have on our valuations. Preliminary numbers indicate no major changes in valuation should be expected in FY2008. There will be some adjustments. Building costs rose very slightly, according to the Marshall & Swift numbers we are using in our Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system. Some areas of our real estate market experienced very slight decreases in sale prices during the last calendar year which will serve as the basis for valuation.

With the Carrington Landing and Liberty Heights condominium projects coming to an end, we are experiencing a slowdown of condo construction. After a brief lull in construction and sales, the Summerfield at Taft Hill condo project continues at a steady pace. Other smaller condo projects in other areas of town are moving very slowly. Single family home construction is nearly at a standstill. There are a couple of small commercial and industrial projects in the works now, but nothing large scale.

I was fortunate during August to spend a week's vacation in Sebastian, FL visiting an aunt and uncle. My uncle tells me the market has dropped off so much that some of the builders in his area have knocked off \$30,000 to \$40,000 off the selling price of many speculation homes. Market conditions in Florida seem to mimic what has happened in New England as a glut of re-sale homes exist, builders are holding off on construction, and prices have dropped somewhat.

Barbara Harris and Jennifer Hyland will be mailing out the annual applications required for senior citizen, veteran and blind exemptions during September. Those who are not yet on our mailing list should stop by the office for a form or call 508-278-8602. Although the deadline for submission of these forms is not until 90 days after the mailing of the final tax bills for the year (usually around March 30) it is suggested they be returned prior to the start of the holiday season.

The application deadline for Chapter 61A and 61B land remains as Oct. 1. These applications are not mailed out. They are available in the assessor office. The deadline for filing Chapter 61 forestry applications has been changed from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1.

September should be a busy month with a GIS mapping update meeting Sept. 5 followed by a Worcester County Assessor Association meeting Sept. 19 with discussion on housing values and the mortgage market. The state DOR "What's New in Municipal Law" seminar will be Sept. 28.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Submitted by Denise Delannoy

Food inspections – 6 Food re-inspections – 2

The Board of Health office completed the following by e-mail, phone and walk-in:

Calls for service – 360	Request for copies – 25	Complaints investigated - 8
Animal complaints – 4	Phone calls – 295	Walk-ins – 85

Training, Conferences, Seminars, The Board members did not participate in any training programs this month.

Meetings held: three, August 2, August 16 and August 23.

Relevant actions:

August 12, 2007, variance denied, 38 Saratoga Drive, new construction, soil test extension, 75' SAS to wetlands.

Variance approved, 1199 Hathaway Lane, enclose sunroom, 8'2" septic tank to foundation.

Variance approved, 114 West Street, repair, 3' to groundwater.

Elaine Auger, 1199 Hathaway Lane, came in to speak to the Board re: variances she anticipates with a new addition.

August 16, 2007, Variance approved, 38 Ironstone Street, repair, 14' foundation to SAS, 8-1/2' SAS to property line.

August 23, 2007 Board of Health accepted the proposal, of Dennis Costello, for the position of Health Agent effective August 31, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (FY08).

Weekend and emergency calls, Sue Smith handled calls re: sick or dead birds, housing complaint and an air quality complaint 8/12/2007, 8/19/2007 and 8/26/2007

Cay Den Herder, Member, continues with the gathering of information in order to start up the Pay as You Throw program.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Submitted by Nick Gazerro

We have continuing meetings about Stanley Woolen Mill With Nick Deane. I met with builder about Dunkin Donuts @ 158 N Main St. I was called in on 8/12 to investigate a car hitting a house on E. Hartford Ave. I attended a Department meeting with Megan DiPrete. I also met with Susan Franz & Megan DiPrete about the Phoenix Festival. The number of permits issued and the fees collected for the month are as follows:

Building Permits	35	Fee's	\$ 6,695.00
Electric Permits	29	Fee's Collected \$	2,550.00
Plumbing Permits	20	Fee's Collected \$	1,595.00
Gas Permits	8	Fee's Collected \$	555.00

Total Collected \$11,395.00

Building Permits that were issued during the month of August 2007:

2	Additions	3	Remodel
6	Roofs	1	Above ground pool
3	Decks or handicap ramp	2	Condo Units = 3809 sf
1	In Ground Pool	1	Sunroom
1	Stove Pellet	3	Temp. Tents
4	remodel store	1	Farmer's Porch
1	Garages	1	Trailer due to fire
1	Vinyl Siding	2	Wall separation for bar/dining
1	Shed	1	Sign

9 of these were commercial; there were 3 occupancy permits issued

CABLE ACCESS: Submitted by Barry Giles

Volunteer Training: I am presently offering a TV Production Workshop through the Adult Education program. Residents are invited to participate in this 8 week program to learn all aspects of television production. After being trained on the equipment, residents can begin producing programs that can be aired on local access television. If anyone is interested they can contact me for more information.

Community Programming: The production staff has been busy covering various events in and around the Town of Uxbridge. The staff has continued to expand coverage of government and special meetings for the community.

Once again, Bill Albin has really pulled though this summer in producing programming for our public access channels. Bill is a perfect example of what a dedicated volunteer can accomplish with a little hard work. Some of the programs Mr. Albin has covered this summer include the 4th of July Weekend Celebration, various events at the Senior Center and many more local events. The one event Bill was involved in was the fire at the Bernat Mill. Mr. Albin, the former fire chief in town, heard the first call on his scanner and was at the scene with in minutes. Bill was able to cover the fire from beginning to the end. I have received many comments from residents about this program and I have received more requests to replay the program. I would like to thank Mr. Albin for his continuing effort in producing programming for our local access channels.

Replays of Government Meetings on the Town Website: A computer has been order to assists us in replay the town's government meetings on the town website. Unfortunately I have been notified that the computer is still in production and we should be receiving it by the end of September. I hope to have the first meeting ready to replay on the website by the first week in October.

Cable casting Problems: I have been in contact with Charter Communications in regards to a continuing problem with channel 13. They informed me about a possible rewiring of the High School drop in the near future. Both channels 12 and 13 are sent to the head end from the High School. A date has not been determined as of this report.

School Preparation: The new school year has begun! I have been assisting the technology department with training the students on the equipment to start producing the Spartan News Network. This is a program we started last year and hope to continue this year. I have also been meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and the Technology Coordinator to discuss how PEG Access can help the School Districts. We have been looking to increase the coverage of school events through out the district. I am also planning on purchasing some new equipment for the district to utilize. This was included in my 2008 budget proposal. We are also preparing to cover more high school sporting events this year. The fall season starts in the beginning of September.

CONSERVATION: Submitted by Rachel Landry

Five new applications for work near or within wetlands were deliberated upon:

Harrington, Thomas & Patty -11 Buffum Road (Map 37, Parcel 1356) – RDA The Harringtons requested if work within 100 feet of wetlands was considered significant enough by the Commission to require filing of a Notice of Intent application. This Request for Determination of Applicability filing was the result of a previous violation. Unpermitted trenching and installation of a point discharge (basement drainage) to an intermittent stream had been conducted. The work is within inland bank and within 100-foot buffer zone of inland bank. The Harrington's also requested approval for a farmer's porch and shed within 70 feet of wetland. It was agreed that the trench work would be pulled back from the wetland and would discharge approximately 50 feet from the wetland, within a vegetated swale. The Commission issued a Negative Determination of Applicability for the work, allowing the project to go forward without further review under a Notice of Intent filing.

Uxbridge Dept. of Public Works - off High Street, Douglas Street and Snowling Street – NOI – DEP# 312-870 The proposed project consists of a water transmission main. Portions of the work are located within 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Mr. Irving Priest of DPW and representatives of Tata & Howard, Inc. presented the project. Much of the project route is laid out along trails traversing Taft Park. The Commission has inspected the site. Deliberations have been continued into September.

Virostek, Don - Lot 14R Kasey Court (Map 49, Parcel 2596) - NOI – DEP# 312-871 Construction of a single family home and appurtenances. The proposed work is located within 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Concern was raised regarding the accuracy of the wetlands delineation. The delineation for the parcel was over three years old and flags could not be located in the field. Per the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act regulations, a wetlands delineation in association with a permit application is valid for 3 years. The Commission requested that the wetlands area be redelineated. The Commission issued a standard Order of Conditions allowing the project.

Thompson, Elizabeth - 67 Homeward Avenue (Map 18A, Parcel 1465 - NOI – DEP# 312-872 Additions to an existing single family home. The proposed work is located within 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project was proposed entirely within existing lawn area. The Commission issued a standard Order of Conditions allowing the project.

Uxbridge-Millbury Realty LLC - Quaker Highway (Lydia Taft House), (Map 30, Parcels 2777 and 3458) – NOI – DEP# 312-873 Construction of a 100-unit nursing and rehabilitation center and appurtenances. The proposed work is located within 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project consists of expansion of the existing Lydia Taft House rehabilitation facility. The project will result in build-out of all remaining non-wetlands area on the site. The Commission expressed concern that portions of the work are within 25-foot wetlands setback area. The Commission has requested peer review of the stormwater management design for the project to ensure that stormwater is sufficiently treated and to ensure that a nearby brook trout fishery is not negatively impacted by the project. Deliberations have been continued into September.

Three violations were discussed.

Gray, Judy & Sung - Southwoods Drive (Map 37, Parcel 3859) Viol. #1107 Unpermitted construction of pool and garage; work located within 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated wetland. There is concern that the unpermitted work may have encroached into a nearby Conservation Restriction held by the Conservation Commission. The Commission issued an Enforcement Order requiring filing of a Notice of Intent. The Commission anticipates deliberating upon the Notice of Intent in October.

Discussion- Uxbridge Multi Family LLC (Fafard) - Crownshield Avenue (Map 29, Parcel 3153), Order of Conditions #312-696 Ongoing issues with detention basin, discussion regarding deadline to file a Notice of Intent for work to resolve violation. The Commission continues to be concerned with stormwater management

issues throughout the Crownshield Avenue development. A major concern is the layout and integrity of an existing stormwater detention basin that was not built according to approved plans. The permit under which the construction was approved has since expired and the Commission has issued an Enforcement Order to Fafard Development requiring filing of a new Notice of Intent. The Commission hopes to resolve the detention basin issues at this project site by Spring 2008.

Discussion - Thomas, Gary - 190 Hazel Street (Map 17, Parcel 4822) – Viol. #0107 Proposed alternative construction of pier. A letter from Mr. Gary Thomas was received. Mr. Thomas indicated that he would like to reconstruct the unpermitted pier built in Cold Spring Brook. Mr. Thomas suggested suspending the pier from cables anchored to trees. The Commission sent a response letter that regardless of the proposed construction methodology, Mr. Thomas must file a Notice of Intent for the work if it occurs in or within 200 feet of Cold Spring Brook.

One Request for Amendment to an Order of Conditions was deliberated upon.

New England Power Company (National Grid) Off Rawson Street (Tapline project) - Request for Amendment, Order of Conditions DEP File # 312-848 The Commission deliberated upon a letter requesting guidance as to whether a field change required Amendment of the existing Order or filing of a new Notice of Intent. The change consists of a wetland crossing within the access roadway for high tension lines. A temporary crossing of a small intermittent stream channel was proposed during construction activities. Due to erosion issues from crossing the stream, construction crews installed a culvert and gravel crossing. The Commission reviewed pictures and found the work to be an appropriate response to the situation. The Commission felt no further review or permitting was required and authorized a letter of administrative approval for the change.

Five Certificates of Compliance for completed work were issued. The Following projects were found to be completed in substantial compliance with the issued Orders of Conditions.

- Lot 9/Willow Lane, Quail Hill Estates (off Douglas Street) (DEP File #312-501)
- 14 Hazel Plaza (DEP File #312-826)
- Edgewater Place (off Hartford Ave, East - Connor Pass, Dunny Cove Lane) (DEP File #312-549)
- Liberty Estates (off Hartford Ave, West) (DEP File #312-635)
- Autumn Woods (Acorn Drive - off Aldrich Street) (DEP File #312-714)

Deliberations continued into September by request of applicants:

Uxbridge Associates, LLC - 325 Mendon Road WAUCANTUCK (Map 20, Parcel 1749) Construction of 145 condominium units, associated grading, utilities, parking and stormwater management structures. Portions of the proposed work are within 200-foot Riverfront Area of West River, 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland, 100-foot buffer zone of Inland Bank, and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. The Commission has completed the bulk of deliberations for this project. The Commission is waiting for plan sets that include all agreed upon changes and additions.

B&B Associates - 144 Paine Street (Map 37, Parcels 2161 & 2182) – NOI – DEP# 312-866 Construction of a subdivision roadway (Wanda Way). Portions of the proposed work are within 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project as proposed will result in the creation of three lots served by a single cul-de-sac- roadway. The Commission was concerned with the configuration of the proposed lots. The configuration would create lots significantly constrained by wetland, necessitating construction of houses unacceptably close to a unique shrub wetland area that provides critical habitat for rare, threatened and endangered wildlife species. The Commission requested that alternate plans be presented which would allow for construction of homes outside of 100-foot buffer zone of wetland. Various possible reconfigurations were discussed with the applicant's representative. A revised layout was presented that sufficiently addresses all concerns of the Commission as well as results in the creation of less infrastructure/paved area. However, some of the proposed changes will require approval of variances by the Planning Board. The hearing has been continued as the representative works with the Planning Board to arrive at a project acceptable to all Boards.

Open Space Management: The Pout Pond Subcommittee continues to meet regularly. The primary purpose of the subcommittee is to compile a written Land Use Plan for Pout Pond. However, during this past summer, the meetings have been dedicated to managing on-the-ground activities as Pout Pond receives its heaviest use, and thus greatest demand for management, during the summer months. The main gate to pout pond is manned by a small group of dedicated volunteers headed up by Mr. Dave Lewkon. The Commission is very grateful for the dedication and hard work of the Friends of Pout Pond volunteers.

Other: Laurel Brook Club, proposal to alter a beaver dam – Discussion of permitting requirements. The Commission received a letter from Mr. Roger Slater of Laurel Brook Club alerting them to the Club's intentions to install flow control devices in a beaver dam on the reservation. The Club contends that based on an earlier filing and permit granted in 2005, the work is exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act as aquaculture. The Commission deliberated upon this information and has sent a response informing Laurel Brook Club that the work does not qualify as an exempt activity and filing of a Notice of Intent for the work is required.

Discussion – Wetlands Bylaw: The Commission discussed the feasibility of compiling a bylaw and submitting a warrant article for same by September 21, 2007. It was deemed unlikely that the required work could be carried out in time for the closure date. The Commission did, however, establish a Wetlands Bylaw subcommittee to begin work on a bylaw to be presented at a future Town Meeting.

Bernat Mill Fire - The Commission continues to monitor impacts to the Mumford and Blackstone Rivers as a result of the fire. Environmental remediation contractors worked throughout August to clean up remaining contaminants that had entered the rivers during the fire.

Lobisser Building Corporation, Aldrich Brook Estates (off Glendale Street) Status of Open Space parcel associated with approved Conservation Design Subdivision. In July, Mr. Mark Allen of Allen Engineering, LLC presented on behalf of the proponent. The Planning Board had recently issued a special permit for the subdivision. The status of the area to be set aside as open space had not yet been decided. A lawsuit was brought against the Town by Mr. Joseph Cove, who took issue that the protection mechanism of the open space parcel had not been finalized before issuance of the special permit. Mr. Cove is seeking assurances that the open space parcel will remain in a natural state. The Commission has had little role in Planning Board deliberations regarding the configuration and disposition of the open space portion of the subdivision. When the Commission was eventually approached to accept the land, there was a need to study the parcel, and determine its value as conservation land, as well as the best mechanism for protection. Outright land acceptance is one of two options for protection of land. A conservation restriction can also be requested and held by the Commission. Several factors play into the best mechanism for protection. The Commission has walked the open space parcel. Due to requests for continuance on behalf of the project proponent and representative, deliberations continue into September.

COUNCIL ON AGING: Submitted by Marsha Petrillo

Governor Patrick signed the new FY 08 budget to include a continuous open enrollment for Prescription Advantage. This is great news because now our seniors do not have to wait for a formal open enrollment period to sign up for Prescription Advantage. As you know, Prescription Advantage is a state-sponsored prescription drug insurance plan for Massachusetts seniors and disabled residents who meet eligibility requirements. For people on Medicare, Prescription Advantage helps pay Part D Prescription Drug Plan costs. For people not on Medicare, the program allows members to buy a wide range of prescription drugs at a reduced cost. To be eligible for Prescription Advantage, you must be a Massachusetts resident who is 65 years or older; or a Massachusetts resident under 65 who is disabled. Please contact Mary Rice, Outreach Coordinator, at 508-278-8622 to enroll. We will be happy to assist you.

Special Welcome: Susan White- Administrative Assistant: We are happy to announce and welcome Susan White as our new Administrative Assistant. Susan will work Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and on Friday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. If you are in need of transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping or for lunch pick up, please contact Susan at 508-278-8622 and she will be glad to schedule your

appointment. We also invite you to come to the Center and meet Susan personally. We are happy to have her join our team!

Good Luck Ellen Mayo: We also want to extend our very best wishes to Ellen Mayo as she begins her new full time position in the Uxbridge Treasurer's Office. Thank you Ellen, for all that you have given to us over the past year. We hope you will join us for lunch as often as your schedule allows. Seniors, don't forget to stop by and see Ellen at tax time!

Repairs to Senior Center Van: The Senior Center van broke down on Friday, August 3rd. Lav's towed it to Channings and it was determined that it needed a new starter. Channings serviced the van and we had it up and running for Monday morning without interruption of services. We also had the wheelchair lift battery box re-made as it was completely rotted. The total cost for repairs to our van amounted to \$312.33. This amount was paid from our donations account.

A Special Lunch n Learn: SCO Senior Care Options – Friday, August 17th @ 11:30 am - Lunch n Learn with Bob Guerino, Masshealth Operations, Myrlande Guillaume, Assistant Director to the Mass Health Coordinated Care System, John Baackes, CEO Senior Whole Health, Richard Segan, Regional Executive Director, New England for EVERCARE and Ed Roth, Regional Director for SHINE . The State of Massachusetts has contracted with EVERCARE and SWH to administer MassHealth and provide additional benefits for individuals with MassHealth standard. The Senior Center hosted a special Lunch n Learn with 30 people in attendance to learn more about SCO (Senior Care Options). The Senior Center will invite EVERCARE Reps and SWH Reps back to the Center to speak about other new plans available for seniors with chronic illnesses. Some of the new plans are currently offered with \$0 premiums representing a tremendous cost savings to seniors. Chief Albin tapped the discussion for those who were unable to attend and it has been running on cable access. We urge citizens to call us to learn more about these new cost savings plans.

Summer Wellness Programs offered during the month of August with Sandra Waite, Fitness Instructor and Faith Kennedy, Tai Chi Instructor: The Senior Center will offer Mat Pilates for Seniors and Friends on Tuesdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Mat Yoga is offered on Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. Tai Chi classes are offered every Monday beginning at 10:30 am. While our wellness programs are offered free of charge to senior citizens and their friends, we do request a voluntary donation of \$3.00 per class per person to help cover the costs for running these special programs.

DONATION REMINDER: If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Senior Center, we ask that you make all checks and money orders payable to: THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE. Monetary donations, payable to the Town of Uxbridge, will be deposited weekly into our donations and gift account. Please know that your donations will be used to help fund educational programs, special events, and additional services offered only at the Senior Center. If you have any questions about how to make donations to the Uxbridge Senior Center please do not hesitate to call me at 508-278-8622. We are grateful for your donations and appreciate your continued support.

COMPUTER CORNER: Computer classes are offered on Wednesday afternoon beginning at 3:30 pm. Please call Marsha at 508-278-8622 to enroll.

GROCERY SHOPPING: Attention Uxbridge Seniors: Do you need transportation to the grocery store? Did you know that we travel to Hannaford Market every Tuesday and Wednesday morning? Please contact our Transportation Coordinator, Joe Rondeau, @ 508-278-8622 to make your reservation on the van. Pickup begins at 8:30 am.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Tuesday night NAMI Support Group will pause for the summer months of June, July and August. The group will resume meeting at the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Please call Connie or Jim at 278-9833 if you have any questions or need more information about this

important support group. This group offers support to individuals who have loved ones diagnosed with mental illness.

The Senior Club will take a summer break for the months of June, July and August and resume their meetings on Wednesday of September 12th at 1:30 pm. The Senior Club meets on the second and forth Wednesdays each month.

AUGUST 2007 - UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pitch Party Every Monday Night: August 6, 13, 20 & 27. Pitch begins @ 6:30 PM ~ \$2 donation. We are always looking for new participants. We have a big comfortable Center. Just right for playing cards together. Stop by and check us out. We offer 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes, Door Prizes, and fun, fun, fun! Coffee and complimentary refreshments served each week.

Tuesday Afternoons 1:30 – 4:00 PM: Come join us for an afternoon of card playing every Tuesday at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Contact Rita @ 278-2824 for more information about this card group. All are welcome!

Thurs., Aug. 2nd: SHINE Representative Mary Rice will be on hand from 9:00 am to 11:30 am to answer your medical and insurance questions. Please call Mary at 508-278-8638 to schedule an appointment to discuss Prescription Advantage, MassHealth Buy-In, Evercare, SCO, Fallon and Medicare Part D.

Sun., August 6th: The UNNC will meet at 7:00 pm. Call Julie Blehyl, UNNC President @ 278-9994 for more information about this fun group.

Thurs., Aug 9th: Super Wal-Mart Shopping –We have maps of the Wal-Mart floor plan to help you find your way through this super store! Each department is listed including the grocery store. Pickup begins @ 8:30 AM – You must call each month to reserve your seat to Wal-Mart. Sorry, we cannot save your seat from month to month. Please call if you can't make it so the next person can jump aboard from our waiting list. Thank you!

Sat., Aug 25th: SERVE New England: Distribution begins @ 10:00 AM Call 1-888-742-7363 or go online to www.servenewengland.org to learn how you can save up to 50% and more on high-quality, fresh foods.

REMINDER: Transportation to and from medical appointments is available at the Senior Center. Call ahead, as soon as you book your next appointment. It is never too early to book an appointment. If you are willing, we will gladly reschedule your appointment if there is a conflict. Call us at 508-278-8622 to make your medical appointment reservation.

AUGUST MENU: We invite you to come and join us for lunch beginning at 12 noon daily. Let us know how you like our new meal selections. Please call Carrie Walden, Nutrition Site Manager, 48 hours in advance to reserve your meal. Carrie can be reached @ 508-278-7609. \$2 Donation per meal - \$3.50 ages 59 and under. The menu includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance.

8/1	Spaghetti & Meatballs	8/2	Chicken Francese	8/3	Beef Teriyaki
8/6	Pork Supreme w/mushroom sauce	8/7	Honey Baked Chicken	8/8	Kielbasa/Roll
8/9	Stuffed Peppers	8/10	Baked Fish newburg	8/13	Chicken Picatta
8/14	Meatloaf & Gravy	8/15	Salmon Boat w/Dill	8/16	Roast Turkey
8/17	Chicken Florentine	8/20	Beef & Bean Chili	8/21	Pot Roast Stew
8/22	Buttermilk Chicken	8/23	Seafood Salad	8/24	Veggie Cheese Bake
8/27	BBQ Chicken	8/28	Italian Casserole	8/29	Garden Swiss Steak
8/30	Roasted Chicken	8/31	Potato Crunch Fish		

REMINDER: The Uxbridge Senior Center is a cool down center in the extreme heat. We have plenty of room and offer movies, books, puzzles and games. Bring your friends and get the party started! Please call us at 508-278-8622 if you need transportation to our center. We will be happy to assist you. Have a happy and safe summer.

Outreach Report: Our Outreach Coordinator works 15 hours each week and is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am – 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Office Visits	22	Home Visits	1
Nursing Home Visits	2	Wakes & Funerals	1
SMOC Recerts & New Applications	3	Telephone calls in & out	101
Medical Appointment	2	Cards sent	10
Worked on FY 06 Formula Grant Numbers	5 hrs.	SHINE Meeting	1

Monthly Stastical Data: The following statistics represent the number of individuals using our transportation services, meals on wheels, luncheon attendance and attendance at our various programs for the month of August, 2007:

Van Transportation	340	Medical Transportation	66
Tai Chi	23	Card Games/Pitch	167
Meals on Wheels Delivered	1,158	Weekend meals/frozen delivered	26
Congregate Meals Served	381	Total Meals Served	1,565
Cash Turnovers	\$806.79	Phone calls in & out	635+
Guestbook	604+	Super WalMart	14
Cards sent to elders	32	SCO Luncheon	30
Pilates, Dancing, Yoga	12	Hannaford	75
Lunch attendance	190+	CVS	25
Bank/Other	22	Uxbridge Firefighters Luncheon	75
Computer Classes	13	Podiatrist Clinic	4

DPW: Submitted by Larry Bombara

Water

1. Water quality issues are being addressed throughout the Town since the recent Bernat fire primarily diminishing aesthetics. Tata and Howard, the Town's water engineers, are reviewing plans for manganese sequestering to improve quality and will be seeking DEP approval immediately.
2. The water tank design is nearing completion and undergoing Conservation Commission approval at this writing. Easement acquisition, Right of Way clearing and soil borings are scheduled for September.
3. The "Rosenfeld" well and process building design is progressing rapidly and the Town is awaiting DEP permit approvals at this time.

Wastewater

1. The lime silo tank construction is progressing with completion scheduled for fall.
2. Right of Way clearing has resumed throughout the system.
3. The Susan parkway trunk line easement has been restored under Conservation conditions and approval.

Highway

1. The Hartford Avenue East Mumford River canal has been determined to be unsafe for vehicles over 6 ton by MHD at this time. Further investigation will be conducted in conjunction with canal restoration on Crown and Eagle Way.

2. A review of the Town's plowing and sanding policy on private ways is being conducted for the BOS for possible policy changes.
3. Drainage repairs on portions of Linwood Street are scheduled to begin in October.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Submitted by Peter Ostroskey

INCIDENT REPORT: The Department responded to 146 emergency incidents including 6 fire/explosion incidents, 1 overpressure/rupture, 107 rescue/medical emergencies, 7 hazardous conditions, 3 service calls, 8 good intent calls, 13 false alarms and 1 special type/complaint. We provided mutual aid to neighboring communities 12 times and received mutual aid on 3 occasions. Our personnel operated at significant incidents including:

- August 4: one person was trapped under a tractor that rolled over at 130 West St. resulting in injuries. She was transported via Lifeflight to the trauma center at U-Mass in Worcester for multi-trauma;
- August 5: one person was injured by a falling tree while cutting it at 290 Henry St. He was transported to U-Mass via Lifeflight for treatment of multi-trauma ;
- August 12: Two occupants were trapped in a vehicle that rolled over and struck a house at 255 Hartford Avenue East. Both were extricated and transported to the hospital for treatment, one with serious injuries.

The ambulance service evaluated 112 patients, provided care and transported 85 to area hospitals. The transports were to Milford Regional Medical Center (74), U-Mass – University Campus (5), St. Vincent's Hospital (2), Memorial Hospital (2) Woonsocket Hospital (1), and Hubbard Regional (1). Advanced life support service from other agencies was involved on 45 occasions.

FIRE PREVENTION: Permits and inspections completed over the past month include 12 smoke/carbon monoxide detector inspections completed, and permits issued for blasting (1), storage of LP gas (2), install fire alarm system (1), and live entertainment (1).

Fire Department personnel have worked closely with the Police Department, State Fire Marshal's Office and insurance company representatives over the month of August on the investigations related to the Bernat Mill fire. Numerous interviews, extensive research of files and information and many requests for reports have been addressed. All school buildings have been inspected in anticipation of their opening. In addition, fire drills were conducted as required. The department conducted research and some site visits for some new business locations and consulted with the Building Inspector and State Fire Marshal's Office Compliance Officers on some of them.

GENERAL: Major equipment issues were addressed over the past month. Engine 2 has had problems with the pump that were worked on by E.J. Murphy Company in Woodville. This piece of apparatus is a 1975 Maxim that is a critical component to our response to fires and it is showing its age. The components that were worked on have a tremendous amount of wear and some used parts were installed to keep it operational. The report is not encouraging as parts will not be readily available and the condition of the truck impedes or in some cases prevents repairs from being made in the event of other breakdown. Ladder 1 underwent extensive repairs and had the required testing of the aerial. All of the department's ground ladders were tested and inspected after having been serviced. The lift on the bucket truck was inspected and tested as well. Progress is being made on the construction of the replacement ambulance and we expect to take delivery on the new unit in early September.

The current weather conditions indicate we may experience a busy fall brush fire season. The dry conditions have already brought some activity of this type with fires spreading more rapidly than usual and burning deep underground requiring more time to extinguish and repeat responses to extinguish hot spots. Open air burning at this time of year is limited to small cooking fires only. The Fire Department should be notified by calling our business line (508-278-2787) prior to starting any outside cooking fire. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation is staffing the fire towers for early detection and we may need to restrict outside fires further if the weather conditions persist.

We are pleased to participate again this year in the Uxbridge High School Student Intern Program. Deputy Chief Kessler is overseeing the activities of our new intern, Peter Ostroskey Jr., who began at the end of the month and will be with us through the semester. This has been a very successful program with four of the five past interns joining the department as call members after graduation, two currently attending college fire science programs.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Submitted by Megan DiPrete

While the short- and long-term response to the Bernat Mill Fire continued to command a fair amount of attention, it was a busy month in many other respects.

Late in the month, I relocated my office to the 2nd floor, and am currently sharing the room with Building Inspector Nick Gazerro. During our first staff meeting (building, concom, health, planning, and zoning) we identified a number of projects that we all tend to handle. And the group discussed some of the physical logistics of the office environments and how we might improve our operations. This will continue to be a discussion point as additional movements within Town Hall occur.

The new Administrative Assistant for the department started working in mid-August, and we are collectively working to establish the land use-related departments as a coordinated group of departments. Now that she is on board and trying to learn the myriad of regulatory requirements regarding processing of land use applications, we are also trying to get into the rhythms and routines to assure that all departments and the town's web site received electronic agendas and minutes. This will translate not just to the planning and zoning boards, but to the board of health and conservation commission, as well.

Projects/Meetings: I have started preparing a project summary that will be widely available (including on-line). It looks somewhat like this information in that it is a brief summary of each project and its status within the town permitting processes. I have found that having this information available, and periodically updated, provides an excellent tool to town officials and the public alike. So look for that material, coming soon!

Bernat Mill: As you know, the Task Force, including local, state, and federal officials as well as representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Development Center, has continued to meet regularly. In addition to the challenges of identifying the fiscal impact of the fire to the town (emergency response and school program costs, in particular), and working to facilitate some of the humanitarian response, the focus for this office has been two-fold:

One area of concentration has been to identify the economic development impacts to the community. At my request, the Uxbridge Business Association conducted a door to door survey of the downtown businesses to measure the change in income (sales \$, not profit) and change in employment, measured for the 3 weeks previous to the fire and the 3 weeks subsequent. The businesses reported virtually no change in either sales dollars or employment. We recognize that there may have been some additional dollars received by virtue of the emergency crews on site, so it is possible that there may be a small impact recognized in the longer term. The UBA has indicated they will survey businesses following December and then periodically so that we can get some apples-to-apples data snapshots. (Although it's outside of the downtown, I also spoke with the manager of Papa Ginos. He indicated that he had experienced uncharacteristically strong sales in August, although most regional stores suffered the typical summer decline.)

Businesses in the Bernat Mill were surveyed in greater detail regarding their employment, insurance, losses and plans for rebuilding. The survey questions were compiled largely through the Task Force, but included specific questions regarding information sought by the Department of Labor. The survey was conducted by phone through the Chamber of Commerce office in Whitinsville. The survey information is pretty well compiled now, and I hope to provide a report of that information in early September.

The second area of concentration for my office has been to look to the future regarding redevelopment of the mill site. Important in its own right, the redevelopment will have significant impact on the downtown area as well. I have been working with the property owners to identify their immediate plans and begin coordinating development assistance (primarily at the state level).

Stanley Woolen Mill: Developer Nick Deane continues to communicate regularly with various town departments. The rehab effort at this location continues to experience challenges, and the Building Inspector remains actively involved on a daily basis.

43D Grant – ZBL reviews, Expedited Permitting, Permit Tracking: You received my written summary at the end of August (for your meeting on the 27th). The month of September will see tremendous progress on the Expedited Permitting component, although we continue to work on the entire program.

Other Economic Development Matters: In August, I met with developers who indicated they are working to prepare Major Non-Residential Development applications for large-scale projects in several locations. As soon as anything comes in or becomes concrete, we will start a file and add it to our Project listing!

A piece of legislation was referred to me by the Town Manager for information: House Bill 159. It essentially allows creation of a “municipality” within an area (either one town or multiple towns) with taxation/development authority that is additional to the underlying municipality. So, neighbors in a Special Development District (which must be designated as such) that is under-served with infrastructure could, theoretically, establish a municipal entity (in the way that some towns have water districts or fire districts that are municipal entities), then additional infrastructure could be developed through taxation or selling bonds. The additional taxation would be applied only to that site/district/neighborhood. The management/governance of the site would need to demonstrate their eligibility for bond sales or other financing mechanisms and operate within laws governing other municipalities (public bidding, for example). The concept would be consistent with some “smart growth” initiatives, and certainly epitomizes the idea of pay-as-you-go, and costs are born by those receiving the benefits.

I have conveyed this information to the Four-Town group, as it is consistent with the idea of having an overlying land use approach for a large tract of land lying in the 4 communities of Uxbridge, Douglas, Northbridge and Sutton. Of course the legislation outlines the means by which the entity would be approved by each community, that bylaws and operational management is required, etc. But it is an additional layer of government (SDD + town + state + fed) – sort of a mega-condo association – expanded authority plus expanded obligations.

Planning/Zoning Matters: The Planning Board held two regular meetings, on August 8 and August 22, and a special workshop on August 20 regarding the Expedited Permitting/43D program. The Zoning Board met on Wednesday, August 1, and had 43D/Expedited Permitting workshops on August 9 and August 29. Some projects recently or currently before the boards include:

- A&J Realty Holding Special Permit: Regarding a building addition that triggered a site plan review process. The conditional approval was voted on August 22, following the ZBA’s issuance of a variance in July.
- CVS Massachusetts LLC Special Permit: The Special Permit is required for the store to be open twenty-four hours. The primary discussion point in recent months has been that the approved lighting had not been properly installed and so they are in the process of making those changes. The effect will be to reduce glare and over spillage to adjacent properties.
- Down East Definitive Plan Modification: This has been continued while other permitting is in-process.
- Savers Bank: Signage and traffic control issues continue to be a concern here. The applicant has now reportedly ordered the signs and will hopefully bring this to closure soon.
- Aldrich Brook Estates: A Conservation Design Definitive Subdivision Plan that is currently involved in litigation (an approval was appealed by an abutter). The Conservation Commission has been working with the applicant, particularly regarding disposition of the open space. Rachel and I continue to work closely on this to coordinate ConCom and Planning/Zoning requirements.

- Wanda Way Definitive Subdivision Plan: This two-lot subdivision at the intersection of Paine and Buffum received conditional approval in August.

Generally, I continue to work with applicants, residents, developers and town officials regarding a number of projects in various levels of permitting and/or development, including Summerfield, Autumn Woods, Anderson Estates, Davis Heights, Big Rock, West River Estates, Stonecrest, etc. As we develop the “project summary listing” each of these projects will be included.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Submitted by Scott Freitas

During the month of August dispatch received, responded to and/or dispatched 1148 calls for service to the Police, Fire or EMS. That is 91 more calls than August of last year and is 67 more calls than last month. In the first 8 months of this year we have responded to 8,332 calls. This surpasses the 2006 totals to date by 9.4%. 11.% of July’s calls were Fire/EMS related, which usually also required a police response and 89% were strictly police related. 58 Motor vehicle citations were issued that included 82 separate violations. 27 Motor Vehicle Accidents were investigated with 4 injuries out of 24 occupants. This is 13 collisions more than July of 2007 and based on an exceptionally accident free month totals in July, totals for the year 2007 compared to 2006 collisions are up only by 10. The department continues to redeploying some of our enforcement activities when available to attempt to reduce the numbers. In the first 8 months of 2007 approximately 26.2 percent of the drivers in collisions were age 21 or under. That number is much smaller than the 36 to 60 age group dynamic in 2007, but is higher percentage wise when compared to under 22 year old drivers from 2006. 40.2% of drivers in collisions were in the age group age 36 – 60. It is the hope of this department that the changes in the driver’s education and younger driving regulations will make an impact on reducing collisions in the under 22 age group. Regardless of age, all operators of motor vehicles need to buckle up, obey the speed limit, and drive courteously.

46 arrests or applications for criminal complaints were made this month. Three were for domestic violence situations. Three were for Drunk Driving. As opposed to last month, overwhelmingly Wednesday was the day in which the most arrests occurred. The majority of arrests were of people in the age groups 18-24. There were 9 arrests for persons age 11-17. Overall, there were 15 more arrests than last July. Overall this year arrests are up 21% over last year. The department is still working with the State Police investigating the devastating fire at the Burnat Mill Complex. Private police details are currently being filled and will do so for at least a few more weeks. People are reminded that in spite of the curiosity factor, trespassing on the R.R. tracks is against the law. Our overall clearance rate for major crime remains above both the New England States and National average for departments our size. Common sense crime prevention techniques are encouraged in an effort to keep all residents and visitors to Uxbridge safe.

Although not as frequent, relative to road construction, some traffic patterns will once again become a difficult issue and the traffic patterns are apt to change quickly due to the needs of new projects on a daily basis. Restricted traffic to vehicles under 6 tons gross registered weight is still in effect on E. Hartford Avenue at Whitin Street.

The department was able to have it’s fiscal year budget for 2008 passed with out the reduction in force that would have been devastating to this Department. All dispatchers have been retained for this upcoming fiscal year. In July the department started training all of the police officers in 911 call taking procedures as a precaution with the sincere hope that reductions in staff will not occur next year. That effort continues. The training of these officers will be done with grant money provided by the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board. It had been the intention of the Department to use this grant to train our current dispatchers in “Emergency Medical Dispatching,” but that has had to take a back seat to planning during our town’s fiscal crisis.

Training: Sgt. McCrohan, Sgt Emerick and I were certified as Domestic Violence Enforcement Instructors with the Municipal Police Training Committee this month. Additionally, Sgt. McCrohan attended training in Crimes against Children in Dallas Texas. The training was sponsored by a variety of organizations including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the U.S. Department of Justice. Other training sessions

will be scheduled during the upcoming months for many officers including annual in service training, subject to available funding.

Emergency Management: Sgt. Emerick's continued hard work relative to Emergency Management planning and NIMS compliance training and the efforts of the trained personnel came proved their worth at the Mill Fire. Emergency Management efforts continued throughout August on the Mill Fire. Upgrades are still underway for the town's radio antennae system which should be completed soon we are only waiting for delivery of a few more items to complete the project.

Grants: The Department received notification of its ability to receive up to \$18,024 in Community policing monies. That grant application was completed this month and we hope for an award letter soon. We are still waiting for word on our applications for the Ocean State Community Foundation and the Task Force Grants.

Animal Control: The Animal Control officer responded to at least 56 complaints in the month of August in Uxbridge. We will be interviewing some applicants for the Per Diem Animal Control Officer positions but others may apply. This position(s) is to cover weekends and holidays. Anyone interested can contact the Uxbridge Police Department for application forms and a job description. This is a stipend position. Work began this month in preparing a presentation to the Board of Selectmen relative to regulations regarding licensing of kennels in town. This work will hopefully be completed for submission by this fall.

TOWN CLERK: Submitted by Joseph Kaplan

Spring Annual Town Meeting: We have received notice from the Attorney General's Office that Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting has been approved. This article was passed by favorable unanimous vote at the continuous session of June 13, 2007.

Vital Records: 14 birth certificates; 6 marriage certificates; 12 death certificates. On the 10th of each month a state report is required regarding the number of births, marriages, and deaths that have been processed. We issued 46 certified copies of birth, 22 certified copies of marriage, and 62 certified copies of death.

Requests/Certificates/Licenses Issues: 19 business certificates; 12 couples filed new marriage intentions; 24 dog licenses; 1 raffle permit; 1 fuel storage permit; 12 street list books sold; 35 notarizations performed.

Turnover: Our office handles the dog licenses as well as processing the funds collected for the licenses, late fees and fines by the Animal Control Officer. The total amount of funds turned over to the Treasurer/Collector's Office for the month of August was \$1,664.80.

Voter Registration: We processed thirty-seven (37) voter registration applications in the month of August. The state voter registration forms are multi-purpose; they may be used to register to vote, change party affiliation of currently-registered voters, or notifying the registrars of a change of name or Uxbridge address. Ninety-eight (98) people were removed from the voter registration roles. Voters are removed when we receive notice that they have moved or passed away. Voters may also request that their names be removed from the registration roster. The unusually high number of deletes is attributed to returned confirmation cards returned by voters notifying us that they have moved. The confirmation cards are mailed, as required by state law, to all voters who have not answered the census.

Public Outreach: I attended the Worcester County Clerk's Association meeting on Tuesday, August 14. Besides the official business and a presentation by the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office, this was a good opportunity for networking and sharing ideas with other Town Clerks in this area of the Commonwealth.

U.S. Census: I attended a training conducted by the U.S. census bureau on Thursday, August 16 for town and city clerks. Operations for the 2010 federal census are already underway and the census bureau is relying on much assistance from each city and town.

Customer Service: Research, which entails 20 – 25 hours per month; Genealogy; swearing in of committee members, new police officers, and public officials.

Staff: Emily Kate Armstrong, a freshman at Coyle Cunningham School in Taunton, completed community service work for our office this month. I am seeking other students who wish to work community service hours or internships in the Clerk's Office.

Dog Licenses: The Police Chief and Animal Control Officer have been working with me and the Assistant Town Clerk to develop a streamlined form for dog licenses, which we plan to have in place for 2008.

Board of Registrars: An autumn meeting is expected to be scheduled in anticipation of the October 31 voter registration deadline for the Fall Town Meeting.